

An Account of the Behaviour and Confessions of the Condemn'd Pirates, that were Executed at Execution-Dock at Wapping, on Wednesday the 13th of November 1700, about six of the Clock in the Evening. With a List Both of their Names and Places of their Birth or Abode; and the like of them that are Reprieved.

15 Novemb. 1700

HAVING attended the Condemn'd Pirates, in order to the preparing them for another World, I suppose the Publick will expect that I should give them an Account how I found them dispos'd, and how they Behav'd themselves, both in the Prison and at the place of Execution. Therefore to satisfy the Reader's Curiosity in this Particular, and chiefly to let these Criminals Punishment be a Terror and Warning to others, that are engaged in such, or any other vicious Courses; I shall here give this impartial Account of them.

On the Lord's Day, the 3d instant (betimes in the Morning) I first began to visit these Prisoners, and to exhort them to Repentance. Their numbers being very great, so that I had not then time enough to examine them in Particular; I made a general Exhortation to them; and having directed them to pray to God, that of his infinite Mercy he would please to give them a true sense of their Spiritual Corruption and Misery, and to touch every one of their Hearts with a godly Sorrow, and sincere Repentance, I left them for the present, with promise to return to them again. Which I did several times after, and had them one by one under Examination, but could get no other Confession from them, but what was general; They all acknowledging the Justice of God, who for their Sins had brought this Calamity upon them, but denying the Fact for which they stood Condemn'd. There was only one of them (*Fancie William Hubert* by Name) who confess'd himself Guilty, and with seeming Regret and Penitence own'd that he was justly Condemn'd. He said, that he heartily repented, and begg'd Pardon of God, and of all those he had any ways offended and wrong'd.

Among these Criminals; who were at first 52, but now only 51, (one of them being Dead) there were three several Languages and Religions; namely, one *Sweed*, a *Lutheran*, one *American*, and the rest *French*, all *Romanists* but four, that were *Protestants*. I discours'd them in *French*, which they all understood but the *Sweed*, with whom Mr. *Brink*, the worthy Pastor of the *Danish* Church had a long Conference, and told me that he found him Penitent, but could not make him confess the Crime for which he was to dye. While I was speaking to them, they were for the most part very serious and attentive to my Admonitions. They thanked me for my Visits, and desired my Prayers.

When I had received the List of them that were to dye, I apply'd my self with closer and more pressing Exhortations to them; shewing them that now they had nothing to do, nothing to regard or consider, but the Salvation of their immortal Souls; and to that end it highly concern'd them to clear their Consciences by an ingenious Confession of their Crimes, and specially that for which they knew they were justly condemn'd; and to make all the satisfaction they could to the Publick, by discovering what in their knowledge, might be useful to be revealed. They told me, that they could not think of any thing whole Discovery might any ways contribute to the Advantage or Satisfaction, either of the Publick or any private Person, and persisted all but *Hubert*, in their former obstinate denial; and all I could persuade them to, was only in general to declare, that they begg'd of God the Pardon of their Sins. That they grieved for them, and heartily Repented of them.

This was on the *Tuesday Morning*, the Day before their Execution. And in the Afternoon coming to them again, I found them in great disorder, and highly offended, and much exasperated and disquieted in their Minds, being in a rage that they were to dye, and their Companions Reprieved. I endeavour'd to quell their Fury, and pacify them,

by representing to them, that they had no wrong done them, and that they were not to concern themselves with any thing now that was not available to them, and did not conduce to their due Preparation for another Life, into which they were so shortly to enter: And therefore ought not to trifle away the time, and lose those precious Moments which were to be employ'd in making their Peace with God, whom they had grievously offended, and to secure to themselves a happy Eternity, by true Humiliation, Repentance and Faith in God's Mercy through the Merits of *Christ*. Thus I brought them into a serious Consideration of themselves, and of the Miserable Estate they were in, and that infinitely more Miserably they would fall into, unless they truly acknowledged their Faults and Repented. And the better to engage them in this great and necessary Work of Repentance, which must be done in this Life or never; I laid before them on the one Hand, the Horrors of Hell, and the insupportable and endless Torments of the Damned: And on the other, the unspeakable Joys, the Eternal Felicity and Immortal Glory of the Blessed in Heaven; and prayed them seriously to consider, which of these two States they were desirous now to enter upon, and continue in for ever. And if that of the Blessed, which was fit for Men of Reason to desire; then their business was not to smother their Conscience, but to rouse it up, and to speak and to act according to its Dictates, and by no means to flatter themselves with the Hopes of being absolved at God's Tribunal, unless they now pleaded Guilty to every one Sin that upon a through search and Examination of their past Lives, they should find they had committed; and unless they were earnest in calling for that Grace, the Divine Assistance of God's Holy Spirit, whereby they might be renew'd and cleans'd from all their Iniquities, in that most precious Blood which our Blessed Saviour shed upon the Cross for the Redemption of the World, for all that were truly Converted and penitent Sinners.

They seem'd to be affected with what I said, and (as before) desired my Prayers. Upon which, having recommended them to the Favour and Mercy of God: I was now going away from them, when the Reverend Mr. *Gilbert*, a *French* Minister, came to see one of them, formerly belonging to his Congregation in *France*. He gave him and the rest, suitable Admonitions, and Prayed with them.

At our leaving these poor Wretches, they desired us to come to them again the next Morning, which we did; and (according to their desires) assisted them with our last Exhortations and Prayers at the place of Execution, where the Reverend Minister of the *Danish* Church (before mentioned) was also; and usefully joyn'd with us in this Work. And now it was that pressing them again for the last time, to make an ingenuous and unreserved Confession, they own'd (in effect) that they justly suffer'd; and *Hubert*, *Jasmin*, *Salon*, *Renou*, and *la Fontaine*, were in this more free and open than the rest.

I found these Criminals for the greatest part, poor ignorant People, as to any Principle or Practice of Religion: And as they were in a great measure strangers to Religion, and (perhaps of all other *Romanists*, the least acquainted with the Precepts of the Gospel, and the least capable of giving an Account of their Faith; so they contented themselves to declare, That they Died in the Communion they were Born in.

When I came first to them, and those that are Reprieved (as I said before) I understood they had been 52, but by the Death of one of them; they were at that time 51 only; out of which, two others being also dead in the Prison, their number was reduc'd to 49. And here I give you a List of all their Names, and Places of their Birth or Abode.

A LIST of the Condemned PIRATES.

Executed——24, viz.

Lewis Guittar, of St. Maloes Captain.
 John Anthony, of St. Domingo in America.
 Peter Champon, of Tenin in Gascony.
 Anthony Court, of the Principality of Orange.
 Francis Fontbelle, of Rochel.
 Peter Giraud, of Angiers.
 Renatus Hanauld, of Angiers.
 Fr. Wm. Hubert, of Paris.
 Francis Jasmin, of Tours.
 Raphael Imber, of Cadere in Provence. [ran.
 John Joyranson Waberg, of Waja in Sweden, a Luther-
 Peter La Fontaine, of St. Maloes.
 Charles Le Guy, of Angiers.
 Peter Lester, of Vannes in Britany.
 Peter Lormeau, alias Gaillot, of Poitou, a Protestant.
 Peter Monpentier, of Rochel.
 Binnet Pellatier, of Lyons.
 John Poitevin, of Poitiers.
 Claudius Proust, of Rochfort.
 James Randon, of Nantes.
 John Renou, of Angiers.
 John Robert, of Gape in Dauphiny.
 Isaac Rosier, of Roan.
 William S. lon, of Bourdon-neuf in Poitou.

Reprieved——25.

Peter Beauchaine, of Lagnon in Britany.
 John Bertaud, of Rochel.
 John Bidard, of St. Maloes.
 Charles Boy, of Montaude in Xaintonge.
 Peter Bos, of St. Mincin in Poitou, a Protestant.
 Francis Boyen, of St. John's of Angeli, in Xaintonge.
 Peter Chevalier, of Lyons.
 Michel Daniel, of Vannes in Britany.
 Charles Demon, of St. Maloes.
 Francis De Sanson, of Roan.
 Andrew Digne, of Nivarez.
 Francis Drieux, of Honfleurs in Normandy.
 John Du Bos, of Olon-Sand.
 Peter Fontenay, of Fontenay le Comte, in Poitou.
 Francis Herman, of Lyons.
 Peter Jullet, of Landernou in Britany.
 Peter Jolly Bos, of Nantes.
 John Jorand, of Rennes in Britany.
 Jerom La Chappelle, of Orleans.
 Albert Le Bed, of St. Leu in Picardy.
 Peter Minguencau, of the Isle of Oleron.
 James Moreau, of Chaillevet in Xaintonge; a Protestant.
 Francis Paris, of Paris.
 Leonard Poulard, of Bourdeaux.
 John Pouffard, of Ives in Xaintonge, a Protestant.

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Peter Du Poupian of St. Maloes.
 Peter La Croix of Auvergne. He was to have been
 Executed.
 Michael Le Fevre of Montigny near Paris.

In all 52.

Of those 24 first mention'd, there was one that was
 e'en Dead before he was ty'd to the Gallows. His
 Companions were there before him; and, as I observed,
 were all seemingly (I wish I could say Sincerely) Peni-
 tent. They had a little time given them for their pri-
 vate Devotions; and then were turned off.

I hope others will take timely warning by their Fall
 and consider the great danger of Sin, and how vain and
 unreasonable it is for them who wilfully engage and pre-
 sumptuously continue in a Course of Impiety, to hope
 at last to avoid Eternal Damnation, and save themselves
 upon so weak and leaky a Bottom as a late and forc'd
 Repentance.

*This is the best Account that can be given
 of these Criminals by*

Nov. 14. 1700.

PAUL LORRAIN.

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✱ N.B. That I have been the more large in the
 Account of my Admonitions and Exhortations
 to these Dying Persons, because I would sa-
 tisfie those that are of the Communion, which
 most of them were of, that nothing was of-
 fer'd to them or press'd upon them, but what
 is agreeable to the Principles receiv'd among
 all Christians.

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